

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Layne et al.	§	Docket No. 41914.551 / 010-0011US01
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Serial No. 09/828,470	§	Group Art Unit: 3772
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Filed: April 6, 2001	§	Examiner: Camtu T. Nguyen
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For: Platform Cannula for Guiding the	§	Confirmation No. 6760
Expansion of Expandable Bodies and Method	§	
of Use	§	

**Mail Stop: RCE**

Commissioner For Patents

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**Preliminary Amendment With RCE**

**I. Introductory Comments**

This Amendment is being submitted concurrently with an RCE request. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d), this RCE serves as a request to withdraw the appeal pending in this application. The analysis presented herein is directed in response to the Office Action mailed October 31, 2007. Entry of the following amendments is respectfully requested.

If any additional fees, including extension of time fees, are necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including those for the extension of time, to Haynes and Boone, LLP's Deposit Account No. 08-1394.

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